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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.99 and pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, applicants respectfully bring the documents cited in the European Search Report dated June 11, 2004, and listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Copies of the listed documents, including English-language abstracts thereof, are provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

This citation does not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims. They are only cited as constituting related art of which the applicants are aware.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants enclose herewith a copy of the European Search Report citing such documents and indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

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